

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Charles T. Esmon and Jun Xu

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Examiner: Sumesh Kaushal

For: *"TARGETING OF MOLECULES TO LARGE VESSEL ENDOTHELIUM USING
PCR"*

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2002, please amend the application as follows. Enclosed with this response is a Petition for an Extension of Time for one month, up to and including December 11, 2002, and the appropriate fee for a small entity. It is assumed that the amendment mailed May 28, 2002, with the Appeal Brief was not entered.

In the Claims

13. (amended) A conjugate of an agent binding selectively to endothelial protein C receptor (EPCR) selected from the group consisting of protein C, activated protein C, antibodies reactive with EPCR and fragments [thereof] of the antibodies reactive with EPCR binding to EPCR, and a molecule selected from the group consisting of nucleic acids, proteins, drugs and diagnostic agents to be delivered to a large vessel endothelial cell, wherein the molecule is not a diagnostic